

Appl. No. 10/729,715  
Amdt. dated July 20, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of June 20, 2006

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### REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 6, 7, 9-14, 29, 31-34 and 47 have been withdrawn as directed to non-elected Species.

The Examiner has requested election of a single species for prosecution. Specifically, the Examiner has asserted that the application includes claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Species 1 (Figures 1-5), Species 2 (Figure 6), Species 3 (Figure 7), Species 4 (Figure 8), Species 5 (Figures 9 and 10), Species 6 (Figures 11 and 12), Species 7 (Figure 13), Species 8 (Figure 14), Species 9 (Figure 15), Species 10 (Figure 16), Species 11 (Figure 17), and Species 12 (Figure 18).

Applicants respectfully select Species 1 (Figures 1-5) without traverse. Claims 1-5, 8, 15-28, 30, 35-46 and 48 are believed to read on the elected Species. Moreover, independent claims 1, 22 and 25 are believed to be generic to at least Species 1, Species 2, Species 3, Species 4, Species 5, and Species 9. Independent claim 38 is believed to be generic to at least Species 1, Species 2 and Species 3.

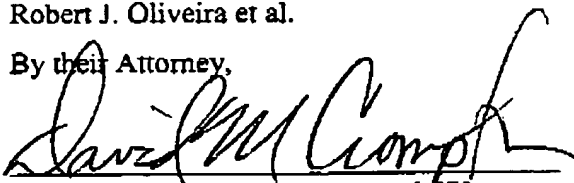
Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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